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The Flamethrower

St. Paul's Alumni Association Newsletter

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Mrs. Lynne Jacobsen Retires After 40 Years

After 40 years of teaching, Lynne M. Jacobsen is retiring in June from St Paul's, where she has taught grades 5-8 for 34 years, since 1984. With departmentalized teaching, she taught different subjects different years. Lynne also promoted outdoor education. In May every year, from 1985 until about 2007, she took the 6th grade students to Camp LuWiSoMo in Wildrose, Wisconsin, and later to Walcamp Outdoor Retreat in Kingston, DeKalb County, Illinois or to Janesville School Outdoor Lab (JSOL).

Lynne was born in Oak Brook, Illinois, and grew up in Forest Park and Belvidere, Illinois. She received her B A degree in 1977 from Concordia Teachers College-River Forest (now Concordia University-Chicago, since 2006), and in 1990 received her M S degree from the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater.

Retirement will afford Lynne the opportunity to pursue many interests: Comfort Dog Ministry, entering her Australian shepherds in dog sport competitions, Rock County Historical Society, continuing her role as 'Mrs. Tallman', substitute teaching, writing books – family history and "Angels in my Life – Seen and Unseen", and gardening and food preservation.

On Sunday, June 3, there will be a reception following the church service in Fellowship Hall (the church basement) to celebrate Mrs. Jacobsen's teaching ministry. Please join us! ♦♦



ST. Paul's
Lutheran Church, School & Daycare

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Welcome New Music Director

Miss Ann E Henny has accepted the call to be our new music director for the next school year. She has held a similar position at Trinity Lutheran Church and School at Rockledge, Florida since August, 2011, and is experienced with choir, band, praise band, handbells, and organ. She is a native of Clinton, Missouri, and graduate of Concordia University – Nebraska. ♦♦

Vicar Marin Cerchez Call Assignment

Vicar Marin Cerchez will receive his call assignment at the Call Day Service on April 25 at 7pm at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Share in the celebration by using hashtags #CallDay2018 and #CallDayWatchParty or stream the call services online: callday.ctsfw.edu. Archived video of the service will also be available. We are fortunate to have Vicar Cerchez with us until July 15. ♦♦

Community Bulletin Board

St. Paul's School is currently looking for:

- Part-time special education teacher with certification in special education.
- Part-time art teacher, 6 hours a week, for grades 6 to 8 for the 2018-19 school year.
- Assistant Day Care Teachers

Volunteers are needed to assist teachers, help in the school library, or to supervise the playground. The number of hours and days are flexible.

If interested or for more information please contact Mr. Rob Lunak at 608-754-4471 ext. 302 or rlunak@stpaulsjanesville.com.



Parking Lot Work Begins: The parking lot project will start when school is over for the summer. It should be finished before school restarts. A second driveway will be added off E Holmes Street.



School Choice Offered: This is the first year the school choice program will be offered for the coming school year. It allows families, who couldn't normally afford to send their children to St. Paul's, to apply for a program where the state would pay their school tuition. This helps us better reach those who want a Lutheran education. Applications are accepted from February until April 20.



A new
command I
give you:

Love one
another.

As I have loved
you, so you
must love one
another.

By this
everyone will
know that you
are my
disciples.

John 13:34-35

Generations Attending St. Paul's

Wentzel 'James' GLASS (1846-1913) descendants, with year of graduation

1st generation

Elizabeth *Glass* Schumacher 1889, Emma *Glass* Koeberl '92, Frank '94, Charles J '96, Clara *Glass* Cole '97, Martha 1900, Alma *Glass* Arnswald & Anna *Glass* Howe '04.

2nd generation

Elizabeth: LeRoy Schumacher '12 (m. Esther Ringhardt), Vera *Schumacher* Ringhardt '18

Emma: Dorothy *Koeberl* Nielsen '29

Frank: Clarence '20, Lester '25, Lorraine *Glass* Simmons '27

Charles J: Irma *Glass* Cline '16, George F '17, Harold '19, Charles A '20, Earl '25, Kenneth W '27

3rd generation

LeRoy: Ruth *Schumacher* Ward '36, Lois *Schumacher* Freese '45

Vera: (Rev) Wesley Ringhardt '43, Carol *Ringhardt* Bantley '50

Dorothy: John Nielsen '60, David Nielsen '65, Mary *Nielsen* Rodger '67

Clarence: Carter '42, Robert '43, Gerald '46, Craig/x, and Vickie/x *Glass*

George F: George J /x

Harold: Thomas '42, Alice, Lois *Glass* Zimmerman '44, Peter '48, Gail *Glass* Jass '51

Kenneth W: Kenneth R /x

4th generation

Ruth: Michael Ward '63, Daniel/Danny Ward '63

Lois: Judy *Zimmernan* Neumueller '74, Dale Zimmerman '76

Gail: Diane *Jass* Burlingame '70, David Jass '71, Michael Jass '73, Daniel Jass '75

Kenneth R: Michael '80, Laurie *Glass* Jett '82

George J: Denise *Glass* Barrett '80

5th generation

Judy: Adam Neumueller '95, David Neumueller '99

David: Jeanine *Jass* Tschudy '95, Lynnette *Jass* Hansen '98

Michael Ward: Dennis McCaslin '79

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46th Annual JLIT February 23-25, 2018

By Tim Ebeling

Janesville Lutheran Invitational (Basketball) Tournament (JLIT) is an event that brings many alumni back to St. Paul's each year. There are four teams from Wisconsin, and four from Illinois. Many of you can relate to the excitement of the weekend (and Spirit Week leading up to the tournament weekend). This year was no different. The Flames' Boys A Team, coached by Derek Stanton, lost the first game Friday evening to St. Paul, Mt. Prospect, 35-29, but then went on to win the remaining 3 games, 58-48 over St. John, Lombard Saturday morning, 35-34 over St. Paul, Bonduel in a nail-biter Saturday evening, and finally, 52-33 over Pilgrim, Green Bay Sunday afternoon to win the 3rd Place trophy. The championship game was won by Our Redeemer, Delavan over Trinity, Roselle, 34-30, a close game throughout, until the last 10 seconds. Our Redeemer, Delavan, was new in the tournament this year. It was the first time since 1973 that a team won the championship the first year they were invited to play. The Athletic Director (AD) at Delavan is Josh Moeller, who played for Trinity, Roselle when in grade school, under his dad who was AD there. Trey Bock from St Paul's scored the most points of any player in the tournament with 60 points in four games.

Our A Cheerleaders were rewarded for their hard work with the 3rd Place trophy in the cheerleading competition. Trinity, Roselle, won 1st Place and St. Paul, Bonduel won 2nd. B cheerleaders assisted with the school song for each game and the school band, led by Dave Viemeister, director, played for the A Girls game on Saturday afternoon. Several high school age alumni came back to help play with the band. God blessed us with a great weekend.

We are always glad to have former students come back to say hi and reminisce. Travelling the farthest was Travis Ebert '92 who came all the way from Beaverton, Oregon. His sister Shannon *Ebert* Dickison '89 and their father Bob Ebert '65 were

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also there. The oldest known alumni attending were Jean *Will* Riepl and Bob Zastoupil, both from the class of '39.

Alumni not only come back to watch the tournament but also have a big part in making JLIT a success. Mark Fenrick '87, Athletic Director, makes it all come together. Other teachers who helped were Deb Natz (Assistant AD), Nolen Leach (scorer's table), Jim Kroll (announcer and website updates), and Ruth Ann Schultz, photographer, along with retired teachers Tim Ebeling (1970-2011 - scorer's table), Ruth Braatz (1979-1995 - ticket sales), and Barry Wier (1976-2013 - video booth). Other alumni who helped in the video booth this year were Preston Ames '86, Mark Anderson '70, Justin Frisque '01, Kevin Hendrikson '85, Kyle Hendrikson '82, Ryan Roth '99, Joe Skelly '84, Scott Skelly '02, and Andy Wier '94. Kevin Hendrikson also helped on the scorer's table and coached the Girls A Team. Mark Anderson, Dan Bertagnoli '93, Kevin Hendrikson, Jim Sohl, Barry Wier, Preston Ames, and Dave Jass '71 prepped the gym. Former teachers Janet *Duesterhoeft* Anderson and Ruth Wier prepared the trophy case display and Ruth Wier headed the video sales table. Kristen *Bassett* Gestrich '83 organized the coat check.

Helping at the scorer's table were Jim Sohl (principal 2006-2010), Ryan Roth, John Schultz (teacher 1977-1994), and Sara *Zastoupil* Knuth '91. Alumni who worked as referees were Justin Frisque and Jack Zastoupil '62. Alumni who served as coaches were Natasha Arnold '06 - A Cheer, assisted by Morgan Schnulle, Emma Trumpy, and Gracie Krueger (class of 2016), Alyssa Schnulle '14 - asst. B Cheer, Paige Hendrikson '15 - asst. A Girls, Dan Bertagnoli - A Girls, Josh Stanton '16 - asst. A Boys, and Michael Mullen '95 - asst. A Boys.

Alumni who had sons playing on the basketball team were Mark Fenrick (Luke), Sara *Zastoupil* Knuth (Josh), Michael Mullen (Christopher), Andrew Speth '85 (Tobias), Andy Wier (Chris), Emily *Treibel* Miller '88 (Noah), and Preston Ames '86 and Lisa *Ehret* Hurda '88 (Levi Ames). Alumni who had daughters who were A Cheerleaders were: Jon Belk '90 (Presley), Angie *Jensen* Ellefson '91 (Ashlyn), and Nate Radtke '81 (Abby). Alumni with daughters on the B Cheer Squad are: Dan Bertagnoli (Kaidee) and Angie *Jensen* Ellefson (Alyson). Alumni with daughters on the A Girls' Basketball Team (who played game Saturday afternoon): Nate Radtke (Abby), Angie *Jensen* Ellefson (Ashlyn), and Josh '91 and Becky *Hanson* '95 Oas (Samara).

Besides the games, the biggest attraction was the food concessions in Fellowship Hall. That is where food and fellowship come together and much camaraderie and reminiscing happen. Some alumni who helped in that area were: Karen *Riepl* Zastoupil '68, Sara *Zastoupil* Knuth '91, Gwen *Riepl* Brassington '72, Ellen *Riepl* Davis '69, Gregg Davis '71, Sue *Riepl* Arnold '63, Sue *Knoerr* Benedict '68, Amy *Benedict* Denson '94, Dan Bertagnoli '93, Judy *Zimmerman* Neumueller '74, Carol *Hasse* Welton '62, Michelle Welton '95, and Corey Welton '93. Helping as cashiers were teachers Katie *Wahrle* Huie '98, Lois Wahrle, Elizabeth Decker, Lisa Wedel, and Lynne Jacobsen.

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In Memorium

Alumni death notices

Donald C Homan '38

1.19.2018 / Janesville

Joyous (Joy) V Wolff Roethe '39

7.29.2017 / Wausau, WI

Margaret M Brovick Traub '39

12-04-2016 / Thousand Oaks, CA

Lela V Rizner Neisius '40

11.11.2016 / Janesville

Bruce R Maresch '41

6.15.2016 / Willard, WI

Joan E Manske Romoser '41

6.23.2016 / Rocky River, OH

Gloria F R Creek Schmidt '41

3.10.2018 / Janesville

Richard E Lemke '49

6.20.2016 / Rockford, IL

James P Knudson '50

12.24.2017 / Janesville

Albert P Schiefelbein '53

1.03.2018 / Janesville

Anita Buncis Quanbeck '57

1.17.2018 / Watertown, WI

Gerald L Hawkins '58

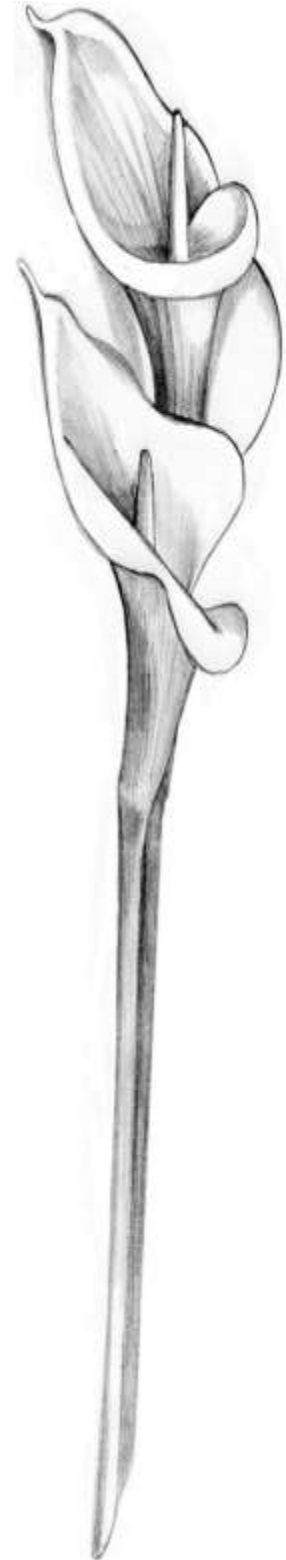
4.26.2017 / Danville, KY

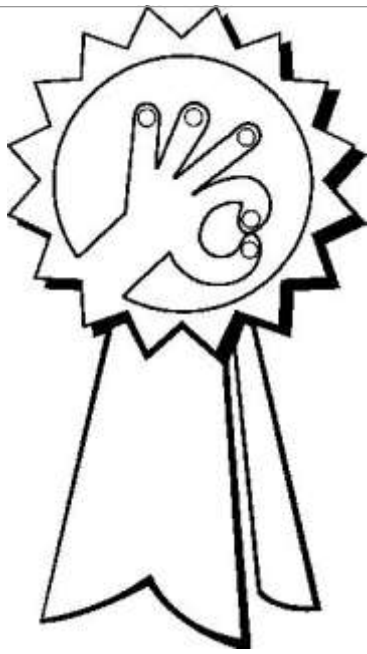
Paul E Schueler '61

8.19.2017 / Cheyenne, WY

Aaron M Kelly '99

5.28.2017 / Janesville





Nat Geo Bee Results

The school conducted the annual National Geographic Bee.

The "Nat Geo Bee" is a competition which tests the student's geography knowledge.

7th grader **Drew Kent** won the school wide competition. Drew then took an online test and qualified for the statewide competition where he finished in 7th place.

Congratulations, Drew! You represented St. Paul's well! ♦♦

Honors and Awards

Last year, **Jane Toberman '13**, then a senior at Milton High School, was the Janesville Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Good Citizen Award winner. Jane was recognized as a Good Citizen because she demonstrated the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in her home, school, and community. She received a scholarship award and was recognized at the award ceremony on February 4, 2017 at the Janesville Women's Club. Jane is now a student at Concordia University Wisconsin in nursing.

Arlene Iverson, 6th grade student of Mrs. Jill Fenrick, won the American History Essay contest conducted by the Janesville Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), competing with other local students. Her essay was entitled, "Remembering the War to End All Wars". She received an award at the DAR history awards program in February at the Women's Club. The Janesville Chapter, founded in 1895 and second oldest DAR chapter in Wisconsin, is dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

Christopher Mullen, 7th grade student, was honored by being elected state president of the Wisconsin Society Children of the American Revolution on

April 7. His term of office will run through April of 2019

His chosen project is raising funds to support Vets Roll, a program that takes vets to D.C on the bus for three days. He has served as Cave of the Rock Society officer, and most recently, WSC.A.R. second vice president for the state.

Sydney Thompson, 8th grade student, competed against other Janesville students to win 3rd place in the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Patriot's Pen essay contest, sponsored by the local VFW Post 1621.

The essays were written on the theme of "America's Gift to My Generation". Sydney focused on her freedom, equal rights, religion, and education. She received her award and read her essay aloud, along with the 1st and 2nd place winners, at the monthly meeting of the VFW on February 12. Sydney will be attending Parker High School this fall. First Place winner was Charlie Ryan, 8th grade student at St John Vianney and son of Paul Ryan, Speaker of the House. Patriot's Pen 2018 - 19 Theme will be "Why I Honor the American Flag". Student entry deadline is October 31, 2018. Patriot's Pen is open to 6th-, 7th- and 8th-grade students. Essays are judged without identifying information of the student.

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Help Strengthen Our Alumni Association

By Carol Claybaker

Comparing similar entities is interesting, as well as analyzing the component parts that account for some differences. To read about another parochial school alumni association, search on the internet for "How an inner-city Milwaukee parish thrives with the help of its old friends". It was in the March 2 Milwaukee Journal. "Why such impressive loyalty?" the author asks. The answer resides in the historic strength of the original community, founded in 1883, people of German ancestry. They not only prayed together, they played together, and have maintained close ties with each other and the parish, even though separated by distance.

After the suburban migration and a changing neighborhood, a core group of alumni, infused with a spirit that would not be extinguished, planned a centennial celebration, even though the school closed in 1970. This led to forming an alumni association in 1983, with 1,200 on the mailing list. They started with two goals: to strengthen the ties among the former students, and to provide support for the parish in its current incarnation, a diverse parish surrounded by poverty. The Alumni Association kept pace with all the changes.

The group sponsors an annual Mass and brunch in May in the parish hall. With a mailing list now of about 900, the luncheon draws 200 people. A regular newsletter serves as both a gossip sheet and a community bulletin board. The alumni have donated nearly \$350,000 to the parish since they formed their association in 1983, and some volunteer their time and services as well.

The contrast to the prevailing stereotype is evident. Instead of clucking their tongues at how much has changed, the alumni focus on what has remained the same. One alumna, who related that they see their foundation as rooted in the church, said "we wouldn't be where we are today without it. We're only giving back to God a little of what he has given to us." Their alumni have proven that you can go home again. All it takes is an acceptance of change, a measure of compassion, and simple gratitude.

A self-sufficient attitude and lukewarm faith are constant dangers when people live lives of ease and prosperity. There is nothing lukewarm about their faith, as described in Revelation 3:14-22 about the Laodiceans.

To make our newsletter more meaningful to more alumni, please send your news to share -- marriages, births, deaths, jobs/positions, retirement, awards, college attending/major, volunteer work, military service, interesting experiences, and how your years at St Paul's have benefited you. If you have suggestions for the Alumni Association, send those also.

It would help immensely if we had a contact person for each class who would keep track of their classmates. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, let us know. This could also help to facilitate get-togethers or reunions for your class if you so desired.

We once again received about 85 newsletters back because of wrong addresses. It is important that we have your correct contact information, including phone number and email, in case we need to contact you. Please let us know if you prefer to receive a paper copy of the newsletter

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or a copy by email. If you missed a past issue, they are available on the church/school website (www.stpaulsjanesville.com) under the alumni association link.

The School Wish List is also on the website, if you would like to make a donation. Donations are also needed for the digital school sign and the parking lot.

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Watch for our next newsletter in Fall 2018

News from the Classroom

Debra Natz, fourth grade, reports that the Lower Grades (K-4th) will be putting on the operetta in the gym on Friday, April 20th. It is titled, "GPS—God's Plan of Salvation."

Elizabeth Decker's Kindergarten class service project is to continue the upkeep of the Little Lending Library that is located near the sidewalk on Ringold Street, Janesville, WI, and purchasing more Christian books to go into it.

Lois Wahrle and the third grade classes did a special project called 'Little Hats, Big Hearts' on January 24, 2018, our school's Visitors Day. With the help of parents, grandparents and adopted grandparents, the classes were taught how to knit on a loom. The children and their adult helpers completed red baby hats for infants with congenital heart defects. The hats will be donated to the Beloit Hospital maternity ward.

Jim Kroll and the seventh grade classes will be visiting Rotary Botanical Gardens in Janesville in late May. They will be planting over 1,500 annual plants as part of their service project. They will also be donating a number of gardening tools and accessories that will be used by the garden's volunteers.

The seventh grade classes are also playing Mystery Skype. It is an activity in which arrangements are made with another school. We attempt to determine their location by asking YES and NO questions. They have connected with over fifteen different schools, including a school in the Czech Republic.

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News from the Classroom

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Mark Fenrick and his eighth grade class put together photo albums for VetsRoll. The albums included handwritten "Thank You's" from the students as well as student created trivia about Washington D.C. VetsRoll is a not for profit organization that provides transportation to Washington D.C. for WWII Veterans, 'Rosie-The-Riveters' and Veterans through 1963. The trip is provided at no cost for the veterans! The eighth grade class served a lasagna dinner to veterans of St. Paul's congregation in November 2017.

David Viemeister, Band Director, leads band students who range from grades 5-8. There are approximately 50 students enrolled in band. The Bands are preparing for their **Spring Concert** scheduled for **May 15, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the gym**. Music selections will range from marches, programmatic contemporary music, overtures and jazz/pop genres. Special guest artists, SWINGfish, will perform with the Jazz band as well as on their own featuring Mr. Viemeister on drum set. The final band event will be marching in the Janesville Memorial Day Parade on May 28 at 11 am. ♦♦

Janesville Lutheran Invitational [Basketball] Tournament (JLIT) Trivia

By Tim Ebeling

1) St. Paul, Bonduel has come since 2013 when alumnus Brandon Davis '94 was teaching there. This year's Flames 8th grader Trey Bock came here from Bonduel and played against former classmates in one of the games. Alumnus John Toberman '09 is engaged to Christina Dobratz who is from Bonduel. Christina babysat for the Bock children when they lived in Bonduel. She also teaches 1st grade with Marcia *Ebeling* Milam '89 at St. John's, West Bend.

2) Pilgrim, Green Bay came for the second year. Mark Fenrick began his teaching career

under John Schultz (principal then) at St. John's Lutheran School in Adrian, Michigan before coming back to teach at St. Paul's in the 1999-2000 school year. Jeremy (J.J.). Schultz was in Mark's first 8th grade and John Schultz was his principal. Jeremy's dad and mom, John and Ruth Schultz (**St Paul's teachers 1977-1994**) were here too. John is Principal at Pilgrim and Ruth is retired from teaching. Their daughter, Sarah, who also teaches with Marcia Milam and Christina Dobratz in West Bend, also attended JLIT this year. ♦♦



Oldest known teacher is **Ruth Kienow Werning** of Milwaukee, who was 96 on Nov. 27, 2017.



Oldest known alum is **Theodore Hasse '31** of San Marcos, California, father of Carol *Hasse* Welton '62, Robert Hasse '63, and Richard Hasse '64.

He celebrated his 100th birthday December 5, 2017.

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Our sole purpose for forming this Alumni Association is **"to connect the past with the future at St. Paul'."** In order to do this at this time we have a charter to do four things: 1) Create a database of current contact information. 2) Create a multi-faceted communication vehicle to keep alumni informed and connected. 3) Facilitate alumni gatherings. 4) Provide opportunities for alumni who wish to support the school.

**"Connecting
the Past with the Future
at St. Paul's"**



Handprint Day

This year we are starting a new tradition at St. Paul's to honor our graduates. We would like each graduate of St. Paul's School to put their handprint up in the tunnel, so we can remember who came before us as we go about our day. We are calling this "Handprint Day."

The first Handprint Day will be June 2, 2018 at 1 p.m. We will meet in the school's gym where everyone will be able to reconnect with old friends and meet others who have also graduated from St. Paul's. Then we will start putting our handprints in the tunnel. The whole event should last about two hours. ♦♦

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